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USAFE inspectors check

Incirlik surety

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On the cover:

U.S. Air Forces in Europe Inspectors are at Incirlik from Saturday to March 15, evaluating the base's ability to manage Air Force assets while complying with surety standards. They will look at how people respond to terrorist threats and other emergencies. See related article, Page 4. (Photo by Senior Airman James Seymore III)

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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS



By Col. Michael Gardiner,
 39th Air Base Wing commander

Surety inspection

For the past couple of months, we have prepared for the arrival of the surety inspection team, who will begin arriving Saturday. We are ready to show them how professional, ready and able our team really is during the SI Saturday through March 15. However, while we want to ensure the team members feel welcome, we must remember that they have a job to do here and can have no influence from Incirlik community members – military or non-military. This means we must stifle our urge to provide the socializing hospitality Incirlik is famed for – buying lunch, having cay and giving tours of the local area. This does not mean we cannot be polite, professional and courteous as I would expect nothing less from my troops. Now, go forth and make me proud.

Distinguished graduates

The objective of the Customer College program is to deliver the training, resources, tools and initial skills required for customer service professionals to provide comprehensive

sive care that exceeds customer service expectations. My thanks to all those involved in the program, lets all work to kick customer service up a notch or two.

Congratulations to the following distinguished graduates: Feb. 8 to 11, Senior Airman **Angela Strotz**, 39th Comptroller Squadron; Feb. 22 to 25, Staff Sgt. **Angela Shaw**, 728th Air Mobility Squadron.

CSIP

Combat Touch is designed to infuse enthusiasm in the community to passionately pursue matters of the spirit through participation in base programs. A goal of the program is to ensure Airmen, civilians and families are fully informed about programs, services and expertise available at U.S. Air Forces in Europe bases to aid with spiritual fitness, mission readiness and quality of life. For more information call the base chapel at 6-6441.

Reflective belts

In addition to our mission responsibilities, safety applies to our daily routine. Reflective belts are required for U.S. military personnel in uniform or exercising outside during the hours of darkness. The policy is for your safety and I expect everyone at every level to reduce unnecessary risks.

Force Protection

Spring is in the air and now is a perfect time to travel. Just remember while out and about to stay aware of your surroundings, keep a low profile and stay safe. Report any suspicious activity to the law enforcement desk at 6-3200. Incirlik Force Protection – your life depends on it.

The *Tip of the Sword* wants
to know ...

Do you have a
Love - hate relationship
with running?



Love to run and feel the wind in your hair? Or do you hate to run more than you hate having the flu? Send your opinion of running to sabra.bryant@incirlik.af.mil by March 30 to participate in a completely anonymous poll of the Incirlik community. Results will be used to support an upcoming story in the *Tip of the Sword*.

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Reading your way to better leadership skills

By Col. Mary Parker
39th Maintenance Group

Have you ever searched to find a book that could teach you about being a better leader? You can stop your search, because you will find a collection of books for your professional reading in the base library or bookstore. The Incirlik Library and the Army and Air Force Exchange Service Book Mark each have a special display devoted to the Chief of Staff of the Air Force's Reading List.

In 1996, then CSAF, General Ronald Fogleman, created the CSAF Professional Reading Program "to develop a common frame of reference among Air Force members — officers, enlisted and civilians — to help each of us become better, more effective advocates of air and space power."

The subsequent CSAFs, General Michael Ryan and General John Jumper, have endorsed this effort, and General Jumper continued the Professional Reading Program in the form of the CSAF's Reading List.

General Jumper stated that in order "to sustain our dominance and understand the world in which we operate, we must develop a wider perspective and an appreciation of views other than our own." He has four categories for his book selections: USAF History, Contemporary Conflicts, Lessons for the Future, and Leadership and Success. Here in this last category — Leadership and Success — is where you can find selections to read that can make you a better leader.

One of those books is titled, "American Generalship, Character is Everything: The Art of Command," written by Edgar Puryear, Jr. He set about the quest to find the

qualities that make an outstanding military leader by interviewing more than 100 general officers "to discover the essential ingredients that prepared them for the awesome responsibilities of World War II, Korea, Vietnam and the Gulf War." He reviewed and analyzed "several elements that are absolutely necessary for successful leadership" within the Air Force. Mr. Puryear deduced that some of those qualities are "selflessness; the willingness to accept the responsibility to be involved in decision making; officers who grew and developed through a life of reading; understanding the importance of consideration and concern for the troops; and the greatest of all is character — which is everything in leadership." Although the title may lead you to believe it's just about generalship, it rather thoroughly researches aspects of good leadership and how those attributes are part of a leader's character.

As General Jumper stated, "I encourage each of you to make time for professional reading," and I entice you to become a better leader by reading a book on leadership such as Puryear's or any of the two others on the CSAF's Reading list: "An Army at Dawn" by Rick Atkinson or "The Five Pillars of TQM" by Bill Creech. We must remember there is not a cookbook-recipe method for becoming a better leader, but expanding your breadth of knowledge by reading a book on leadership is a good way to start down that road of becoming a better leader.

Have I piqued your interest to run over to the library or bookstore and see if there any books you want to pick up and read? I certainly hope so.



Combat Care is a U.S. Air Forces in Europe program designed to improve the care, attention and information flow to spouses and families and create a sense of community among those coping with deployments.

The family support center is looking for volunteers to form a deployed spouse network. For more information or to volunteer, contact the family support center at 6-6755.

YOUR TURN

What do you love about your job?

"I learn something new every day and it gives me a chance to be a good example for the younger troops, and I like that it deals directly with flying."

— **Senior Airman Bryan Masters**,
39th Operations Squadron



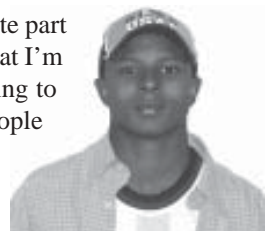
"My favorite part of the job is I get to get out of the office and do something."

— **Airman Dawn Duman**,
39th Communications Squadron



"My favorite part of the job is that I'm doing something to protect the people on this base and it gives me a lot of pride."

— **Airman 1st Class Seneca Blount**,
39th Security Forces Squadron



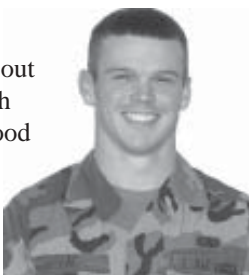
"The people I work with. It's like a family, everyone's very supportive of each other."

— **Angela Mirich-Holder**, child development center



"I get to get out and interact with people. It's a good job to have."

— **Airman Bradley Lail**,
39th Communications Squadron



To submit a question for "Your Turn," call 6-6060 or e-mail tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil

39th ABW hosts surety inspection team

By 1st Lt. S.J.B. Bryant

39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

The 39th Air Base Wing will be put to the test by the Headquarters U.S. Air Forces in Europe Inspector General team during a surety inspection beginning Monday and lasting through March 15.

The approximately 75-member team will evaluate various units' ability to manage Air Force assets while complying with surety standards.

"This is Incirlik's time to shine," said Col. Michael Gardiner, 39th Air Base Wing commander. "We have been working hard ... training hard and conducting numerous, tough local exercises over the past few months."

There are several areas the team will evaluate to include the base's management and administration of surety programs, security, maintenance operations and the personnel reliability program. The inspection will also test the base's ability to handle emergencies such as a fire or terrorist attack that threatens Air Force assets.

"While not every unit will be under the microscope during the inspection, practically everyone on base will be affected by the inspection in one way or another," said Maj. Shawn Birlingmair, 39th

ABW Plans and Readiness chief. "Therefore, everyone must remain vigilant in professionalism, customs, courtesies and military bearing."

Major Birlingmair also reminds units to keep checklists and operating instructions close at hand in case inspectors have questions or comments.

"Having the IG team here is our chance to shine, and show off our training and preparedness," said Colonel Gardiner. "It is vital for everyone from the newest airman to the most seasoned colonel to keep standards high, exude job knowledge and keep a professional attitude while the inspectors are here, just as they do on a daily basis. This is an incredibly demanding inspection, one in which a moment's inattention can have catastrophic consequences. But we've trained hard, and I have the utmost faith in all my troops ... we will pass this inspection with flying colors and prove Team Incirlik is the best in the command."

This type of inspection is not new to Incirlik. According to Air Force and U.S. Air Forces in Europe regulations, surety inspections are conducted every 18 months. For more information about the SI, log onto the Source and view Air Force Instruction 90-201 and USAFE Supplement II from the link at http://source/39ABW_XP.

The team will provide an overview of findings during the out brief March 15.

World Class NCO

Master Sgt. John Tway, American Forces Network-Incirlik detachment chief, runs a radio show from AFN-I's temporary location in Building 902. In February Sergeant Tway was named the Air Force News Agency Worldwide Senior NCO of the Year for 2004. He was stationed at Lajes Field, Portugal, when he won the award.

While at Lajes Field, Sergeant Tway added 10 daily news breaks to two television channels and increased the local weekly news output 243 percent. During voting season he pushed 74 ads to cover that Chief of Staff of the Air Force priority information topic. Now Sergeant Tway is heading up AFN-I.

He arrived just as AFN-I was in the middle of their facility move and has plans for his time here.

"After the renovation is finished in the fall, I want to increase the number of command-information spot announcements and continue to offer the high quality service the Incirlik community is used to," he said. *(Courtesy AFN-I)*



Photo by Airman Bradley Lail

AFN building undergoes renovation

By Staff Sgt. Eugene Taylor
American Forces Network-Incirlık

American Forces Network-Incirlık finished moving out of their building Tuesday, so it can undergo renovations.

AFN-I moved from Building 900 to Building 902 so that electrical problems, leaky ceilings and a host of other problems may be fixed.

Building 900 was turned over to Turkish contractors who will, over the next four months, gut the facility and rebuild it from the ground up. Workers will install new floors, ceilings, create a new floor plan, raise several floors so cables can be laid underneath them, put in a new heating and air conditioning system and add a sprinkler system.

Until building renovations are complete, AFN-Incirlık will be working from dormitory Building 902. Master Sgt. John Tway, AFN-I detachment chief, said AFN is currently working “with limited space and using only half the broadcast equipment they’re used to.”

Most AFN services, from radio to television, will continue as normal during the renovations with little to no interruption.

“Our philosophy is to be as transparent as possible, with minimal disruptions,” said Mr. John Gibbs, an Air Force Broadcasting Service engineering manager. However, one visible exception made because of the limited working space is local AFN television spots.



Photo by Airman Bradley Lail

Tech. Sgt. Jeff Hood, Air Force News Operating Location Alpha Ramstein engineering manager, helps AFN-Incirlık assemble local area network cables on an audio vault and get situated into their new building.

“The younger (AFN) troops will get to see what broadcasting was like before the days of a computer on everyone’s desk,” said Sergeant Tway. “We’ll be manually inserting spots instead of using automation.”

This means that Mondays through Fridays from 8 p.m. until 11 p.m., local AFN TV spots will be played by a person punching buttons and playing tapes from VCRs. These spots

will only be seen on one TV channel – AFN Atlantic Prime.

Current plans call for AFN-I to return to the renovated building in July. The prospect of a new, modern broadcast facility has Sergeant Tway excited.

“I can’t wait to see what a group of talented people can do, in a new building, with state-of-the-art equipment,” he said.

DoD internet-based joint training, information system debuts

By Gerry Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Imagine a teacher who travels across the ether to students located around the world and you would be describing the Department of Defense’s new Internet-based training and information system called the Joint Knowledge Development and Distribution Capability.

The state-of-the-art system personifies transformation and joint operations, said Maj. Gen. Jack Catton Jr. during a Feb. 22 demonstration at the Pentagon. General Catton is the Joint Staff’s director of operational plans and joint force development.

The password-controlled system — which has both classified and unclassified sites — will improve DOD’s joint warfighting capability, General Catton said, by providing “critical joint knowledge” to servicemembers stationed stateside and overseas.

“There’s power,” General Catton said, “when you have joint knowledge available when and where the joint warfighter has the time and the need to grab it.”

The system was fashioned from merging separate distance-learning capabilities held among the armed services, including the Coast Guard, and several government agencies, General Catton said. Civilian experts from industry and academia also lent a hand in creating the system.

Joint anti-terror operations and joint senior noncommissioned officers’ training are among the several instruction modules that can be accessed by eligible users before they are sent on overseas assignments, said David Evans, the program director.

This capability, Mr. Evans said, can be used to reduce the need to send instructors overseas to train troops.

Shared information available on the system also will assist DOD to focus on “total joint operations,” said Paul Mayberry, deputy

undersecretary of defense for readiness. “What is developed in one service can be used in another service.”

He said the system will eventually be configured for combatant commanders’ use.

The system represents “a tremendous tool,” Mr. Mayberry said, that can “reach out” to provide training and information to troops from all service branches serving worldwide.

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— Paul Mayberry
Deputy undersecretary of
defense for readiness

No-smoking policy in services facilities starts

By Master Sgt. Mona Ferrell
USAFE News Service

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (USAFENS) – Putting the health of U.S. Air Forces in Europe members first, USAFE Services is instituting a new policy Feb. 23 prohibiting smoking in all recreational areas within the command.

The new no-smoking policy includes services amusement and entertainment areas, said David Quinn, USAFE Services Programs chief.

“In USAFE we are continually advocating for a healthy and fit community,” said Mr. Quinn. “No smoking has been the norm for the vast majority of services facilities and programs on our bases for years, and only a few installations retained very limited indoor smoking areas for entertainment game room areas.”

Troop health and morale are two important key factors influencing the implementation of this policy said, Lt. Col. Carol Fisher, USAFE Public Health officer and Health Promotions director.

“Closed smoking areas, such as game rooms, are a significant source of secondhand smoke which is a known human carcinogen,” said

Colonel Fisher. “The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports each year an estimated 3,000 adult nonsmokers exposed to secondhand smoke die from lung cancer, and another 35,000 die from coronary heart disease. This new policy will afford everyone the opportunity to enjoy all recreational areas without worrying about exposure to harmful secondhand smoke.”

USAFE officials also hope the no-smoking policy will make people think twice before reaching for a cigarette, and they’re ready to help those who want to kick the habit.

“Besides reducing exposure of personnel to secondhand smoke, we also hope the policy may over time help alter smoking behavior,” said the colonel. “Our USAFE Health and Wellness Centers are a great resource for individuals who want more information on the harmful effects of tobacco use or who want to quit smoking.”

Enjoying the benefits of all USAFE Services has to offer in a healthy environment is what this policy is all about, said Mr. Quinn.

“Our customers come first, and throughout USAFE there are a lot of new high-energy entertainment areas featuring state-of-the-art

amusement machines and name and signature-brand restaurants,” he said. “We hope that our customers who do smoke find these features attractive and continue to let us serve them and enjoy this great benefit of military life.”

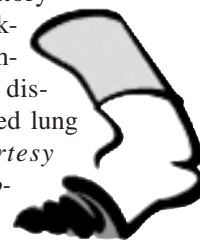
Good to know

Secondhand smoke can be harmful in many ways. In the United States alone, each year it is responsible for:

- ♦ An estimated 35,000 to 40,000 deaths from heart disease in people who are not current smokers

- ♦ About 3,000 lung cancer deaths in nonsmoking adults

- ♦ Other respiratory problems in nonsmokers, including coughing, phlegm, chest discomfort, and reduced lung function (Courtesy American Cancer Society)



Services searching for teens with their eyes on the sky

By Steve VanWert

Air Force Services Agency Public Affairs

SAN ANTONIO (AFPN) — Teenagers who share a fascination with flight, both airplanes and spacecraft, can apply for the 2005 Teen Aviation Camp and the 2005 Space Camp, but they need to get their application packages in soon, Air Force Services Agency officials said.

“Applications for acceptance into the Teen Aviation Camp must be received by March 11,” said Services’ Bridget Kieschnick.

“There’s a little more time to apply for the space camp,” said Karen Rudolph, also from Services. “Applications need to be in by April 15 to be considered.”

Both camps are well worth the time it takes to apply, officials said.

The Teen Aviation Camp will be held June 4 to 9 at the Air Force Academy. Attendance, for teens from Air Force families, is open to high school students who will complete their freshman or sophomore year in 2005. But applying is only the start of the competition.

“We ask for verification that (students are) in good standing in their high school,” Ms. Kieschnick said. “We look at their role in student leadership. We look at their participation in extracurricular activities and activities outside the school setting, such as youth club, Boys and Girls Club or community service. We also consider any honors the applicant has received, such as National Honor Society, Congressional Award, Eagle Scout and others.”

Last year, 18 girls and 18 boys attended the aviation camp. The group was selected from a pool of 168 applicants. It featured a mix of activities intended to provide learning and social experiences.

“The (aviation) camp gives an insight into what life at the Air Force Academy is like,” Ms. Kieschnick said.

During the five-day camp, attendees stayed in dormitories and ate in the dining hall. They were on the go from morning to night. The group participated in mountaineering and orienteering courses, fitness testing and tours of the academy. Aviation-related activities included lectures on the principles of flight, building gliders, training in flight simulators and orientation flights in academy aero-club planes. The camp ended with a banquet and graduation ceremony.

Thirty-two young people received scholarships to the 2004 U.S. Space Academy, conducted at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Ala. They were from Air Force bases worldwide and were selected from 155 applicants.

The five-day space academy is for youth ages 12 to 14. Criteria for selection includes a minimum grade point average, extracurricular activities both in and out of school, community service projects and special recognition awards.

Campers go through astronaut training on the multi-axis trainer, ride in the gravity chair and use a jet backpack simulator. They also go through all the required training to live aboard a space shuttle, sample space food and learn how to sleep in space. There is even time built into their busy schedule for water activities and rocket construction.

All space academy trainees put their skills and teamwork to the test in 2-hour space shuttle missions. The group is divided into three crews: mission control, space shuttle and space station.

Applications for both camps are available at the Incirlik youth center. For more information, call 6-6670.

AF Instant Messenger offers Airmen real-time conversation

By Senior Airman Lynne Neveu
48th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

ROYAL AIR FORCE LAKENHEATH, England (USAFENS)— Thanks to use a little-known Combat Care initiative, deployed Airmen and their family members and friends can now send instant messages to each other from wherever they have Internet access.

The Air Force recently implemented the "Friends and Family Instant Messenger" program, available through the Air Force Portal. Not only can Airmen communicate on work-related projects, but they can chat online with non-Air Force friends or family members.

"Air Force Instant Messaging is the hi-tech end of Combat Care," said Gretchen Shannon, 48th Mission Support Squadron Family Support Center flight chief. "It allows families to reach across the miles in real time and have that connectivity."

Instant messaging through the portal has been available for more than two years, but the chat was limited to Airmen and civilian employees. Now, Airmen sponsor friends or family onto the portal by entering their e-mail addresses into the system. The portal then generates e-mails inviting them to log on and get their own specially configured account. Airmen can register up to five people on the system, according to the Web site.

Friends or family members do not have the same access to the portal that Airmen have,

but they will get limited access to the messenger.

"The program allows family members or friends a way to get an Air Force Portal account, but all they see is the instant messenger," said Staff Sgt. Brian Scott, 48th Communications Squadron Information Assurance Flight.

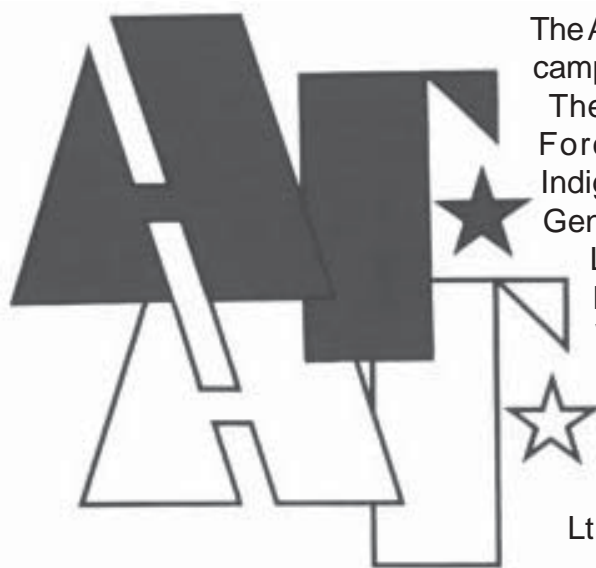
Sergeant Scott reminds all AFIM users that any communication is still subject to Air Force Instruction 33-119, Air Force Messaging.

"The Air Force Portal and Instant Messaging system are Air Force assets and will be monitored," he said. "Users of AFIM must refrain from inappropriate communication such as hacking discussions, mission sensitive and operations security information, and conversations of a sexual nature."

Because the communication is .mil to .mil, it is closely controlled to alleviate any malicious software or viruses from being introduced, Sergeant Scott said.

Chat on the portal is also encrypted to prevent anyone outside the network from tapping into a conversation.

Ms. Shannon said families benefit by being able to make a real-time connection. "Maintaining the closeness and communication helps relieve some of the anxiety, tension and frustration that are natural by-products of temporary separation from loved ones," she said. "It is a win-win opportunity for everybody involved."



The Air Force Assistance Fund campaign runs until April 15.

The fund supports the Air Force Enlisted Village Indigent Widows' Fund, the General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation, the Air Force Village Indigent Widow's Fund and the Air Force Aid Society. To donate to the AFAF contact your unit representative or call 1st Lt. Nancy Morin at 6-6499.

IN THE NEWS

MXS inventory

The 39th Maintenance Squadron munitions flight is closed from March 21 to 25 for a 100 percent semi-annual inventory. All issue, turn in and expenditure documents need to be submitted to munitions operations no later than Monday to meet requirements for scheduling and processing. After Monday, only emergency requests approved by a group commander or equivalent will be accepted. Normal hours of operation resume March 29. For more information call Staff Sgts. Keome Madden or Jeffrey Smith at 6-8400.

Finance closure

Finance closes for an official function at noon Tuesday. For more information, call 6-6607.

Memorial ceremony

The 773rd Tactical Airlift Squadron is holding a memorial ceremony noon March 14 in front of Building 518. The ceremony remembers the crew and passengers of aircraft 742064 that crashed 25 years ago. For more information call Master Sgt. Kenneth Moore at 6-8156.

Top III meeting

The Incirlik Top III meeting is 3 p.m. March 15 in the consolidated club's enlisted lounge. Elections for new officers will be held during the meeting. For more information, call Master Sgt. Chuck Collins at 6-6364.

Fuel price change

The February sale prices reflect the following changes per gallon by grade. The new Army Air Force Exchange Service prices for super plus unleaded is \$2.21 per gallon. Super plus unleaded is the only grade of gasoline sold by AAFES at Incirlik.

Storknesting

Labor and delivery services are not available at Incirlik. Women who are pregnant or planning to become pregnant can call the 39th Medical Squadron Women's Health Clinic to discuss storknesting at 6-6787.

Base turns to contractor to solve Incirlik stray animal problem

By Tech. Sgt. Robert Burgess

39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

They are not exactly like the characters in the movie “Ghostbusters” featuring Bill Murray, but they have the same mission to solve a nuisance – stray animals.

A small team, led by Edwin Spalding, a contractor for Vinnell, Brown and Root and the pest control foreman for the 39th Civil Engineer Squadron, will use “Have-a-Heart” and “TRU-CATCH” live traps to capture stray animals at Incirlik.

The operation is a means to prevent serious health hazards – people petting and feeding stray, which possibly carry diseases said Tech. Sgt. Chris Vansile, 39th CES NCO in-charge of pavements and equipment and quality assurance pest manager.

“People are our business and one stray animal bite is one too many,” said Col. David Wilmot, 39th Mission Support Group commander. “The Air Force is a place where people should feel safe whether they are at work or at home.”

So far this year the base has had three reported cases of bites. Every victim receives five vaccinations for rabies and one vaccination of immunoglobulin. The vaccinations can be painful and half of the first vaccination is given directly into the bite wound. The victim may also receive antibiotics and a tetanus vaccination.

Spalding said he does not expect to capture the same animals over and over again because he believes people will do the right thing ... keep their pets inside.

In the event a pet is caught over and over again, the owner will receive a warning with notification going to their squadron commander and the wing commander.

Small, walk-in kennels will hold the captured animals at the stray animal facility located at the Incirlik stables.

“The pets will remain at the facility for three days, during this period people can adopt a pet. It also gives a pet owner a chance to recover their animal if caught,” said Sergeant Vansile.

To avoid catching someone’s pet and transporting it to the stray animal facility, Spalding said his crew will use the “American Veterinary Identification Device Wand to scan the animal for an AVID chip, like the ones security personnel use at airports.”

As a precaution, Kirnak Company, the Turkish contractor caring for the pets, will also have a wand to prevent someone’s pet from being transferred to an animal shelter.

“The animals will be treated in a humane manner under Turkish laws,” said Musa Kirnak, owner of Kirnak Company. “The animals will be taken to animal shelters in the local and surrounding areas for adoption as well.”

Trapping will not be done during Turkish holidays but someone will care for the animals seven days a week, said Sergeant Vansile.

The community service began Tuesday, with traps set around the dorm buildings along D and C streets and Building 833. Trapping times are from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

If people notice a trapped animal, said Sergeant Vansile they should call the number on the trap. They should not release the animal.



Photo By Airman Bradley Lail

Mr. Hamit Korkmaz, 39th Contracting Squadron sets a Have-a-Heart trap to catch the cats around Building 833. The captured cats are taken to the stray animal facility by the Incirlik stables.

“By releasing the animal on base, they are endangering themselves and the people around them,” he said.

The trap and relocation program is a command-approved policy. Staff Sgt. Vansile said, persons tampering with the traps or releasing the animals can find themselves facing legal action.

“When adopting a pet, people are required to take the pet to the veterinary clinic for the implant of an AVID microchip ID identification chip and vaccine shots,” said Sergeant Vansile, “It’s also the individual’s responsibility to provide the transportation. Small carry boxes are provided for cats, but not for dogs.”

To view Incirlik’s pet policy (Incirlik Air Base Instruction 44-101, Control of Animals on Incirlik Air Base), visit the Source at http://source/39cs_scba/SCBAP/44series/44series.htm.

To report a stray or neglected animal, or a nuisance animal, call 6-6356 or 6-6357.

Stray Animal Safety Top Ten list

10. Don’t let stray animals follow you home.
9. Cute is one thing; bites are not. Don’t pet stray animals.
8. Implant microchip identification in pets — peace of mind for a small price.
7. If your pet is missing check the stray animal facility.
6. Adoption is not for everyone.
5. The trapping program is not harmful to the animals. Don’t tamper with traps.
4. Don’t leave your pet behind; it’s against base policy. Obtain a health certificate good for 10 travel days to destination.
3. Call ext. 6-6356 or 57 (Service Call Desk) after hours for emergency cases: bitten or scratched by a stray animal or aggressive dog.
2. Teach your children not to touch stray animals.
1. Feeding strays is disobeying a direct order ... don’t do it.

Home fires preventable with few steps

Lt. Col. Anthony Muzereus
39th Civil Engineer Squadron

There was a rash of fires in housing in the last two months. No one has been injured or killed. People in the home were trained on the use of the fire extinguisher and fire reporting.

There were also several candle fires, cooking fires and one barbecue grill fire. Whether in housing or in a dorm, all cooking and candles must be tended to at all times. People should not leave a stove, barbecue or candle unattended. The cost may be too high.

Recent housing repairs have cost \$250 to \$10,000. The government does not pay for damages caused by individuals. There is also the cost of inconvenience to the individual. They must clean up after the fire and live out of a suitcase instead of their home.

The highest price of all is in lives. Fire is literally a life or death issue. There were larger dorm and housing fires in the Air Force, and Incirlik has been very lucky to not have lost a life yet. Airmen put their lives on the line for their country, but no one needs to be lost because of a preventable fire.

Some Fire Safety Tips:

- ♦ Never leave any cooking unattended. This includes grills.

- ♦ Always call 911 if there is a fire, even if you extinguished it.
- ♦ Never play with fire extinguishers. Only use them for emergencies.

♦ Attend fire extinguisher training. All assigned personnel are required to attend the fire extinguisher class upon arrival and annually. The class is conducted at the fire station, Building 372, Thursdays at 10 a.m. Call the Fire Prevention Office at 6-6974.

- ♦ Check smoke detectors regularly.
- ♦ Never leave a candle unattended.
- ♦ Never place a candle on, under, or next to something combustible.
- ♦ Never use a candle made of “soft wax” as it catches on fire easily and breaks the container it is in, thus spreading fire quickly.
- ♦ Keep matches and candles away from children.
- ♦ The barbecue grill should be at least 15 feet from any building or structure when in use. Make sure to completely drown the coals in water when finished.
- ♦ Keep the handles of pots and pans turned away from the edge to prevent children from grabbing them.
- ♦ Never store anything on top of the stove or inside the oven. Only use those areas for cooking.

Veterinarian pleads with Incirlik population, ‘don’t feed the cats’

By Army Capt. Ronald Burke
39th Medical Squadron

Stray cats may look hungry or cute, but they are not harmless.

They can make people sick or even kill them without batting an eye.

Usually, when people think about the spreading rabies to man, they think about a pack of wild dogs.

In fact, more people are treated for potential exposure to rabies from cat bites and scratches than any other domestic animal.

The average cost to treat a person for rabies exposure is \$200.

The list of diseases transmissible to humans from animals that cats can carry doesn’t stop with just rabies. They also carry things like:

- ♦ *Toxocara cati* (Roundworms): Intestinal parasites of cats. In humans the larvae move throughout the body damaging the liver and occasionally causing blindness.
- ♦ *Ancylostoma braziliense* (Hookworms): An intestinal parasite of cats. In humans the larvae move throughout the skin and can cause allergic reactions.
- ♦ *Microsporum spp* (Ringworm): A fungal parasite that lives on the skin of cats and in the surrounding soil. In humans the disease causes skin lesions and hair loss.
- ♦ *Yersinia pestis* (The Plague): A bacterial disease. This was the disease known as



Photo by Airman Bradley Lail

The stray cats on base can carry a number of diseases. Rather than feeding strays, people who want to help can adopt a cat from the stray animal facility. For more information call 6-1581.

“The Black Death” which devastated Europe during the middle ages. It can be transmitted by direct contact with infected animals or by biting fleas.

In addition, these cats also carry many diseases that are easily spread to other cats, namely house cats. Feline Leukemia, Feline Infectious Peritonitis and Feline Immunodeficiency Virus are just three.

In the case of Feline Leukemia there is a vaccine which all indoor and outdoor cats should receive. There are no proven

vaccines for the other two, and all three are usually fatal.

Just because a cat can carry an illness does not mean they are carrying something and not every cat at Incirlik is diseased. The important point to remember is it is not always obvious when a cat is sick.

The ban on feeding stray animals is for individual’s safety. For the safety of everyone on base, do not feed the strays and ask others who do so to stop. (*Captain Burke is the Incirlik Veterinarian*)



Ask MEHMET

By Mehmet Birbiri, *Host Nation Adviser*

Honoring Women

Question: The U.S. celebrates Women's History Month in March and I was wondering if Turkey had a similar celebration marking the special achievements and contributions of women in this country? Also, I have been on base for nearly two years and have not seen any women serving in the Turkish Air Force. Are there any?

Response: Turkey does not have a full month for women, but it never neglects women or disregards their success. March 8 is celebrated as Women's Day all over the world. Various ceremonies are held in every city throughout the country. The Turkish Women's Association and Turkish Mothers' Association work hand-in-hand to celebrate that day and many activities are arranged with the support of states and governments.

Mothers' Day is celebrated as a big day in Turkey. All the papers and television channels are filled with articles and shows regarding mothers and women in general.

After the foundation of the modern Republic of Turkey in 1923, Turkish women gained all their rights and became equal with men in every field. Polygamy was banned in 1926 and Turkish women were given the right to vote and become deputies at the parliament in 1934, long before many European states gave that right to their women. Seventeen women were elected as deputies in the elections held in 1935.

In Turkey, women have had all types of careers. Tansu Ciller was the prime minister as the head of the government in 1994. We have not had a female president yet, but like the United States, Turkey has had a female in the Supreme Court.

The first female combat pilot in the world is a Turkish woman. She is Sabiha Gokcen. Sabiha Gokcen was born in Bursa in 1913. Young Sabiha was adopted by Ataturk, founder of the modern Republic of Turkey, in 1925.

After completing her elementary and high school education, she was enrolled in the Turk Kusu (Turkish Bird) Civil Aviation School of Turkish Aeronautical Association



Courtesy Photos

Sabiha Gokcen and Ataturk traveled all over Turkey. Ms. Gokcen became a pilot in the Turkish military in 1936 and flew a total of 22 bomber and acrobatic aircraft.

in 1935 and was awarded with High Glider brevets in Ankara. Ms. Gokcen was sent to Crimea, Russia, with seven male students

where she completed her education in gliders. Then, she enrolled in the Eskisehir Military Aviation School in 1936 and became a military pilot.

She completed her apprenticeship at the Eskisehir 1st Airplane Regiment and flew with hunter and bomber aircrafts.

She was involved in the Dersim operation and the Thrace and Aegean maneuvers. Ms. Gokcen, who completed a Balkan tour with her airplane as a guest of the Balkan states in 1938, was appointed chief lecturer to Turk Kusu Turkish Aeronautical Association. She continued this duty until 1955.

She has flown a total of 22 bomber and acrobatics aircraft throughout her life. The second airport in Istanbul on the Asian side is named after her, Sabiha Gokcen International Airport.

Ms. Gokcen died at the age of 88, one day after her birthday, March 22, 2001. She is a source of inspiration for all female pilots of the world.

There are females serving in the Turkish Armed Forces including Turkish Air Force. You might not have the opportunity to see or meet them yet, but currently we have two female officers in the 10th Tanker Base Command at Incirlik Air Base serving in the Turkish Air Force.



Sabiha Gokcen, the world's first female combat pilot, greets her adopted father, Ataturk, the founder of the modern Republic of Turkey.

Do you have a question about something Turkish? Ask Mehmet. To submit a question, call 6-6060 or e-mail mehmet.birbiri@incirlik.af.mil.

THE INCIRLIK GUIDE

PTSC meeting

The high school's Parent Teacher Student Club meets Tuesday at 5 p.m. in the high school media center. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. John Herkel at 6-6439.

Youth dance classes

The youth center offers dance classes for three levels. **Dance I (ages 3 to 5)** meets Tuesdays and a separate class meets Thursdays; both meet from 6 to 7 p.m. for jazz, tap and ballet. **Dance II (ages 6 to 9)** meets Thursdays from 7 to 8 p.m. for ballet and tap. **Dance III (ages 10 to 12)** meets Tuesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. for ballet and one-on-one progress. All classes cost \$30 a month. For more information, call 6-3263.

Family support center

The following classes are available at the family support center: **Free Turkish culture and language classes** meet Monday, Wednesday, March 14, 16, 21 and 23 from 5 to 7 p.m. **Three-Day Transition Assistance Program** class meets Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Solo Flight Club**, which offers unaccompanied, single and going-it-alone parents an opportunity to network, meets in the Piper Lounge at the club March 15 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. **10-steps to federal employment** meets March 16 from 8 a.m. to noon. **Sponsorship training** meets March 17 from 9 to 10 a.m. **Heartlink**, which is geared toward spouses new to the Air Force, meets March 24 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call the FSC at 6-6755.

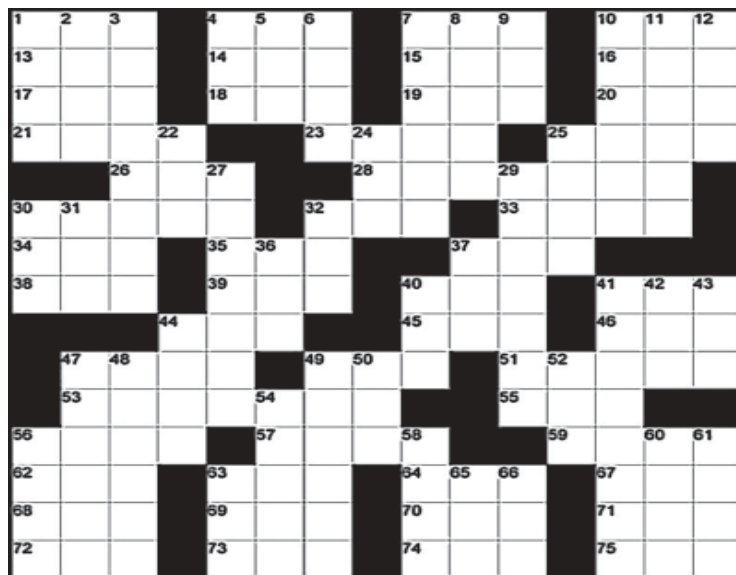
Pool closure

The Incirlik pool closed Tuesday and remains closed through April 19 for annual maintenance and the construction of a new water slide. For more information, call outdoor recreation at 6-6084.

Yoga classes

Yoga classes are now available at the fitness center Tuesdays and Thursdays. Classes cost \$20 for eight classes. For more information, call 6-6086.

Women's History



By 1st. Lt. Tony Wickman
Alaskan Command Public Affairs

ACROSS

1. Constrictor
4. Compute
7. Distant
10. Horse feed
13. Inventor Whitney
14. 3, in ancient Rome
15. Period
16. Medical scan, in brief
17. USA equivalent to EPR
18. Terminate
19. Sass
20. Mistake
21. First woman state governor (WY-1925)
23. Gorge
25. Burn soother
26. Possesses
28. First African-American

woman Sen. (IL-1992) Carol ____ Braun

30. First woman nominated for president by major party (Rep-64)
32. First American-born saint Elizabeth ____ Seton
33. Singing voice
34. Siphon
35. Golfer Ernie
37. Attempt
38. Statement of approval
39. Lick, as a dog
40. Acting CSAF from Sep-Oct 1990
41. Carpet
44. Commercials
45. Federal org. concerned with environment
46. Bullring cheer
47. Group of three
49. Auto club
51. In the country
53. First woman secretary of a

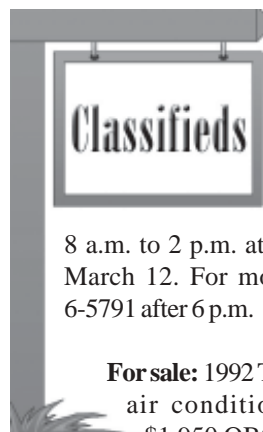
- branch of the U.S. military
55. Road material
56. *Yachtzee* need
57. First woman to receive a patent
59. Ireland, formerly
62. Pen need
63. Mining goal
64. One ____ time
67. Imbibe
68. Bronze or Iron
69. Music group ____ Jovi
70. Vietnam Veterans' Memorial architect Maya
71. Lyrical poem
72. Guided
73. Federal org. concerned with immigration
74. Dine
75. Indicates maiden name

DOWN

1. Bar beverage
2. Margarine

3. Blimps and zephyrs
4. USAF intel org.
5. American social reformer Dorothea ____
6. Expires
7. First woman senator (GA-1922)
8. God of war
9. Blockbuster music section
10. Breakfast item
11. Dry gully
12. Vehicle need
22. College exam, in brief
24. USAF E-2
25. TV show ____ *McBeal*
27. Writer Sidney
29. First woman to fly solo across Atlantic
30. Pig's pen
31. Sultry American actress West
32. Cleo killer
36. ____ Vegas
37. Uppermost
40. Actress Thompson
41. First African-American woman Literary Nobel Prize winner
42. Southern state, in short
43. ____ Aviv
44. General's helper
47. Pang
48. Thatched roof
49. UFO fillers
50. Pub order
52. Country host to Al Dhafra Air Base, in short
54. Ohio city
56. Ring up
58. Store enticing
60. First American woman in space
61. Fencing tool
63. Japanese sash
65. Actress Carrere
66. Picnic crasher

The solution for this crossword puzzle will be published in the March 11 edition of the *Tip of the Sword*. Crossword puzzles are published in the first *Tip of the Sword* edition of every month. For more information, call 6-6060 or e-mail the *Tip of the Sword* staff at tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil.



Lost: Woman's silver Egyptian collar necklace, lost Feb. 1. If found, call Debbie at 6-2495.

Yard sale: From 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 4042D Adana Drive March 12. For more information, call 6-5791 after 6 p.m.

For sale: 1992 Toyota Vista, four door, air conditioner, white, clean. \$1,950 OBO. For more information, call 6-2307.

Volunteers needed: The chapel needs volunteers to assist with light office duties including answering phones, preparing bulletins and aiding chaplains. No experience required, training provided for each task. For more information, call Jen Smith at 6-6441.

Volunteers needed: Volunteers are needed

to help plan Women's History Month activities. Military and civilian volunteers are encouraged to participate. For more information call the Military Equal Opportunity Office at 6-6210.

Positions available: Choctaw Management/Services Enterprise is currently recruiting for a family advocacy nurse. The nurse will be responsible for administering comprehensive clinical nursing prevention services to high-risk maternal child families to prevent child and spouse abuse. Applicants must have at least a bachelor of science in nursing and a current U.S. license, and experience in community health, family maltreatment and maternal child. Résumés are being accepted by Gene Wilkinson, CM/SE U.S. Air Forces in Europe program manager, at gene.wilkinson@sembach.af.mil and Lara Truppo, CM/SE administrative assistant, at lara.truppo@sembach.af.mil. For more information call, Mr. Wilkinson or Ms. Truppo at DSN 496-6667 or (49) 6302-67-6667.

COMBAT, SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAM

Crossroads Café

Today: The Liturgical service sponsors food and fellowship at the Crossroads Café from 7 to 11 p.m. It is open to everyone ages 18 and older. **Saturday:** The Contemporary service organization sponsors food and fellowship at the Crossroads Café from 6 to 10 p.m., all ages welcomed. For more information, call Senior Airman Tianna Milagro at 6-6441.

Combat Intro

Combat Intro is cancelled Tuesday and Wednesday. All sponsors should ensure their new people visit finance as soon as possible to file travel vouchers. For more information, call Denise Brown at 6-6755.

Incirlik Idol

Competitions for the Incirlik Idol, who will represent the base during the U.S. Air Forces in Europe competition, have started. First-round eliminations are Thursday, second-round eliminations are March 24 and finals are March 31. Rounds and eliminations start at 6 p.m. and are in the club. Sign ups are currently being accepted. For more information, call 6-6101.

Combat Touch happenings

Catholic Sunday Bible Study meets Sundays at 3 p.m. in the chapel conference room. For more information, call Michael Luna at 6-9180. **Chapel-sponsored pilgrimages** to Antioch and the Seven Churches are planned March and April. For more information, call 6-6441. A one day **Marriage Building Workshop** is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Crossroads Café. The cost is \$10 per couple and includes lunch and child care. For more information call 6-6441.

Project Wizard

Children in kindergarten to 12th grade can read books to earn patches and prizes with the Reading Patch Club. The program runs through May 15. For more information, or to sign up, call 6-6759.



Photo by Airman Bradley Lail

Easter Surprise

Ray Mergil, arts and crafts skills center director, helps Burcu Karazincir and Zeynep Yonay, both center employees, decorate the wood project of the month, which is an Easter egg yard decoration. The class is March 19 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; cost is \$10 and the safety course is a prerequisite. The center also offers a variety of other classes. Other classes include: **Framing** March 16 and 23 from 5 to 6 p.m., cost \$25; **Block-of-the-month sewing** March 16 from 4:30 to 6 p.m., cost \$10; **Scrap-booking** March 19 from 2 to 4 p.m., \$10; **Jewelry making** March 16, 23 and 30 from 3 to 5 p.m., cost \$15; and **Flower arranging** on an appointment- or stop-in basis only, cost \$15. For more information or to sign up for a class, stop by Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. or call 6-3858.



AT THE OASIS

Today

7 p.m. – Racing Stripes (PG)(1st Run) – Voices of Frankie Muniz and Hayden Panettiere. A traveling circus accidentally leaves behind cargo, a baby zebra. The foal is rescued by horse farmer Nolan Walsh. The Walsh farm borders the Turfway Racetrack, and from the first moment Stripes lays eyes on the track, he's hooked. (102 minutes)



9 p.m. – Blade: Trinity (R) – Starring Wesley Snipes and Kris Kristofferson. Realizing they may never be able to defeat the vampire hunter known as Blade the Dayhunter, the vampires set Blade up to appear like a psychopathic serial killer. (106 minutes)

Saturday

5 p.m. – Racing Stripes (PG)(1st Run) – Voices of Frankie Muniz and Hayden Panettiere. (102 minutes)

7 p.m. – Blade: Trinity (R) – Starring Wesley Snipes and Kris Kristofferson. (106 minutes)

Sunday

7 p.m. – Ocean's Twelve (PG-13) – Starring George Clooney and Julia Roberts. Danny Ocean and his crew, having successfully stolen \$150 million from Las Vegas casinos in the first film, jet to Europe with three new heists planned. (125 minutes)



Thursday

7 p.m. – Flight of the Phoenix (PG-13) – Starring Dennis Quaid and Tyrese Gibson. The action-adventure revolves around the plight of Captain Frank Towns. Stranded in the terrain of Mongolia's Gobi Desert, Frank and his navigator face an equal challenge in maintaining order among the survivors. (113 minutes)

AT THE M1

Ray (PG-13) — 12:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. (152 minutes)
The Aviator (G) — 11:15 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 5:45 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 9 p.m. and 11:45 p.m. (170 minutes)

Movie listings are subject to changes. On-base listings are courtesy of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service Web site at <http://www.aafes.com/ems/euro/incirlik.htm>; M-1 listings are courtesy of the Tempe Cinemaxx Web site at www.tepecinemaxx.com.tr. For more Oasis information and updates, call the movie recording at 6-6986 or the theater office at 6-9140.